



1 QUICK REFERENCE	
ITEM	INFORMATION
Official Event	Somaliland Insurance Summit & Expo 2026
Dates	12–13 October 2026
Venue	Damal Hotel, Hargeisa City, Somaliland
Official Theme	Unlocking Insurance Markets for Economic Growth, Financial Inclusion and Climate Resilience
Capital	Hargeisa City
Currency	Somaliland Shilling
Population	Approximately 6.7 million people
President	H.E. Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro)
Major Cities & Centres	Burao, Borama, Berbera, Erigavo, Gebiley, Odweyne and Ainabo

Summit context: The Summit is designed as a high-level platform linking insurance regulation and Takaful market development with public protection, trade, investment, climate resilience and corridor confidence.

The exhibition and partnership platform forms an integral part of the Summit, providing visibility, practical demonstrations and opportunities for engagement among regulators, insurers, financial institutions, trade and logistics actors, partners and other stakeholders.

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BRIEF PROFILE OF SOMALILAND



The Republic of Somaliland is situated in the Horn of Africa, with Hargeisa as its capital and principal administrative and commercial centre. The country's economy is highly liberalized and market driven, with important activity in trade, livestock, agriculture, logistics, telecommunications, construction, financial services and private enterprise.

Somaliland's development and trade agenda places increasing emphasis on infrastructure, regional connectivity, Berbera Port, the Berbera Corridor, investment and stronger systems for managing economic and social risks.

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HISTORICAL & POLITICAL BACKGROUND



The Republic of Somaliland was formerly a British Protectorate and gained its independence from Britain on 26 June 1960, becoming one of the earliest African territories to achieve independence from colonial rule. On 1 July 1960, barely a week after independence, Somaliland entered into a voluntary union with the former Italian-administered territory of Somalia in the south, forming the Somali Republic.

The union was followed by years of political tensions, marginalization and conflict. During the late 1980s, particularly in 1988, Somaliland experienced widespread violence and destruction. Major cities, including the capital Hargeisa, were subjected to heavy artillery shelling and aerial bombardment, resulting in extensive destruction of homes, infrastructure and public institutions, significant loss of civilian life, and large-scale displacement. Human Rights Watch has documented the destruction of Hargeisa during this period, including aerial attacks carried out by government forces.

Following the collapse of the Somali state, Somaliland reasserted its independence on 18 May 1991. Since then, Somaliland has embarked on a profound and locally driven process of reconciliation, state-building and institutional development. Through a combination of traditional systems of dialogue and reconciliation and modern governmental institutions, it has worked to rebuild public institutions, restore infrastructure, strengthen governance and establish a functioning political and constitutional order.

Over the years, Somaliland has pursued a sustained journey of statecraft, peacebuilding, democratic development and economic reconstruction, seeking to build a peaceful, stable, secure and modern society. This process has included the development of a constitutional framework, a multi-party political system, public institutions and mechanisms of democratic governance.

Today, Somaliland maintains its own political and institutional system under a presidential system with three official national political parties. The Somaliland Insurance Summit & Expo 2026 forms part of this broader journey of institutional and economic development, bringing together public institutions, regulators, private-sector actors, insurers, Takaful operators, regional and international partners, sponsors, exhibitors and technical experts to advance the development of the insurance and Takaful sector and explore its contribution to economic resilience, financial inclusion and sustainable growth.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

**Travel via Addis Ababa**

Delegates travelling from Africa are advised to consider Ethiopian Airlines via Addis Ababa from their respective countries, subject to current airline schedules and availability.

Travel via Dubai

Delegates travelling from Asia, Europe, the United States and other international markets may consider Ethiopian Airlines or flydubai routes with connection through Dubai, subject to current schedules.

Travel from Nairobi & Other Regional Points

Delegates travelling from Nairobi and other regional destinations should check current airline schedules and connecting routes when making arrangements. Delegates are encouraged to share confirmed itineraries with the Summit Secretariat as early as possible.

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VISA & ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS



Visas for international delegates will be processed at no cost to eligible international delegates, provided the prospective delegate submits the required documentation to the organizers within the required timeframe.

- Confirmed travel itinerary
- Passport copy — biographical/data page
- Recent passport-size photograph on a clear/plain background
- Full face clearly visible, including the ears
- No spectacles/glasses in the passport photograph

Important: Delegates should submit documentation early to allow sufficient time for processing and travel coordination.

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VIP AIRPORT PROTOCOL & TRANSFERS



International delegates will receive complimentary VIP airport assistance, including protocol-assisted clearance and transfers between the airport and the hotel.

- Airport arrival reception and assistance
- VIP protocol-assisted clearance
- Transfer from airport to hotel
- Transfer from hotel to airport on departure

Delegates should provide their confirmed flight arrival and departure details to the Summit Secretariat in advance so that airport reception and transfer arrangements can be coordinated.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For convenience, international delegates and participants are encouraged to stay at the Summit venue, Damal Hotel, Hargeisa. Hotel accommodation is at the cost of delegates unless otherwise covered by a sponsorship package.



ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION	INDICATIVE RATE
Standard Room	Approximately USD 40
Executive Suite	Up to approximately USD 75



Complimentary Accommodation for Sponsors

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORY	COMPLIMENTARY ACCOMMODATION
Diamond	3 persons
Platinum	2 persons
Gold	1 person

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CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

All delegates are welcome to participate in the official conference hospitality programme, including:

- Conference lunch
- Morning/afternoon snacks and refreshments
- Official Banquet
- Gala Dinner on the second evening

9 CITY TOURS & OPTIONAL VISITS

The organizers will assist delegates to access Hargeisa city and may facilitate guided visits and special excursions, subject to scheduling and logistical arrangements.

Hargeisa City Tour: A guided introduction to selected cultural, commercial and civic sites.

Laas Geel: A possible special visit to the renowned rock-art caves.

Berbera Port City: A possible guided visit to Berbera Port, Free Zones, Oil Terminal and industrial area.

Wajale: A possible visit to the major border and transshipment town on the Ethiopia–Somaliland border.

10 RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

Somaliland society is predominantly Muslim and culturally conservative. International visitors are warmly welcomed and are encouraged to respect local religious and cultural customs throughout their stay.

Dress Code — Women

Women delegates are encouraged to dress modestly and respectfully, particularly in public areas and during official activities. Clothing should preferably cover the shoulders and knees. Very short skirts, shorts, crop tops, low-cut or highly revealing clothing should be avoided.

Dress Code — Men

Men are encouraged to dress modestly and appropriately for official engagements. Smart casual or formal attire is recommended for the Summit. Long trousers are preferable in public and official settings; shorts and excessively casual clothing should be avoided during official activities.

11 WEATHER IN HARGEISA — OCTOBER

October in Hargeisa is generally warm and relatively dry, with occasional showers possible. Delegates should expect warm daytime conditions and somewhat cooler evenings.



WEATHER IN HARGEISA — OCTOBER

CONDITION	GUIDANCE
Daytime	Approximately 27–31°C
General conditions	Warm and generally dry
Rain	Occasional showers may occur, including in the evenings



Recommended items: lightweight business clothing, comfortable walking shoes, sun protection.



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EXHIBITORS, SPONSORS & BOOTH PREPARATION



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS



Companies taking exhibition booths or undertaking sponsored branding, booth decoration, product demonstrations or special installations are strongly advised to arrive in Hargeisa at least three days before the Summit.

Recommended arrival: 9 October 2026 or earlier.

- Booth installation and decoration
- Branding and signage
- Delivery and positioning of exhibition materials
- Equipment testing and product demonstrations
- Coordination with the Exhibition Secretariat
- Final inspection and correction of last-minute logistical issues

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SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION CATEGORIES



CATEGORY	SPONSORSHIP FEE
Diamond Partner	USD 7,000
Platinum Partner	USD 5,000
Gold Partner	USD 4,000
Silver Partner	USD 3,000
Bronze Partner	USD 2,000



Exhibition packages and booth specifications are subject to the official Exhibition and Sponsorship Prospectus and the approved booth allocation plan.



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BANKING DETAILS — SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION PAYMENTS



Sponsorship and exhibition payments should be made only to the official accounts designated by the Somaliland National Insurance Authority (SNIA).

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1. PREMIER BANK



Acc/ Name:
Hay'adda Caymiska Qaranka



Account Number:
BRME-110700121002

2. DAHABSHIIL BANK



Acc/ Name:
Hay'adda Caymiska Qaranka



Account Number:
89560



Payment instructions should be verified with the Summit Secretariat before remittance. Sponsors and exhibitors are requested to use the official SNIA accounts shown above.

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DELEGATE PRE-TRAVEL CHECKLIST



Confirm
Summit registration



Submit
passport bio-page



Submit
passport-size photograph
meeting the stated requirements



Submit
confirmed travel itinerary



Confirm
visa arrangements



Confirm
hotel reservation



Share
arrival and departure details
with the Secretariat



Confirm
airport transfer



Exhibitors:
submit booth, branding and
installation requirements



Sponsors:
confirm branding and
visibility materials



Exhibitors/Sponsors:
plan to arrive at least three days early



Carry
business cards and company materials



Review
local dress and cultural guidelines

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IMPORTANT CONTACT & COORDINATION NOTE



Delegates, sponsors and exhibitors are encouraged to maintain close communication with the Summit Secretariat before travel. Early submission of travel documents, flight details, accommodation requirements, booth requirements and branding materials will help the organizers provide smooth protocol and logistical support.

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